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1. AFTER REFTEL DRAFTED, UK PERMREP RICHARD TELEPHONED AMB BENNETT TO REPORT CONVERSATION HE HAD JUST HAD WITH BANDA OF ZAMBIA. ALTHOUGH NOT ON SC, BANDA IS PERHAPS THE KEY AFRICAN DIPLOMAT THIS TIME AROUND, HEADING BOTH COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA AND OAU CONTACT GROUP.

2. RICHARD SAID BANDA HAD DECLARED THERE ONLY ONE WAY THAT MOVE FOR CHAPTER SEVEN COULD BE AVOIDED. VORSTER'S SPEECH AT WINDHOEK, WHATEVER IT CONTAINED, WAS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR SAG REPLY TO UN. IF SOUTH AFRICANS (MUELLER") ADDRESSED LETTER TO UNSYG AFFIRMING (A) SAG ACCEPTANCE OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR NAMIBIA "ON BASIS OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY;" (B) SAG
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"DESIRE" FOR CONTACT WITH OAU; AND (C) GIVE ITS VIEW (EVEN

IF NEGATIVE) ON ACCEPTING REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTER OF SWAPO, AF'S WOULD BACK OFF FROM SANCTIONS. IN THAT CASE THEY WOULD PROPOSE THAT SC NOTE SAG POSITION, REAFFIRM EARLIER POSITIONS, COMMAND CONTACT WITH OAU, AND REQUIRE REPORT ON PROGRESS AFTER SIX MONTHS.

3. RICHARD IS CONSIDERABLY INTRIGUED BY THIS PROPOSAL AND IS FLASHING NEWS TO LONDON AND TO BRITISH MISSIONS WASH, PARIS AND CAPETOWN. WE OF COURSE AGREE THAT POSSIBILITIES SUGGESTED BY BANDA MUST BE EXPLORED. AT SAME TIME, IT OCCURS TO US THAT BANDA AND FRIENDS MAY HAVE IN MIND SQUEEZING ONE OR TWO MORE PHRASES OUT OF SAG BEFORE DECLARING RESPONSE INSUFFICIENT AND REVERTING TO CHAPTER SEVEN MOVE IN SC. AFRICAN LEADERSHIP MIGHT FEEL THAT WITH RESPECTABLE GAINS IN HAND, THERE WOULD BE NO HARM IN TABLING RESOLUTION THAT WOULD EARN CLEAR MAJORITY OF YES VOTES EVEN IF VETOED.

4. SOUTH AFRICAN CHARGE TELEPHONED UKUN LATE MAY 23 TO REPORT THAT ADDITIONAL WORD ON NAMIBIA MIGHT BE COMING FROM PRETORIA SHORTLY. IT NOT CLEAR WHETHER HE MEANT TEXT OF REPLY TO TRI-PARTITE DEMARCHE OR REPLY TO UN. SAG MISSION EARLIER TOLD MISOFF HE DID NOT FORESEE SAG PARTICIPATION IN SC NAMIBIA DEBATE. BENNETT

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